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U - Mr. Lovett

Attached herewith is a paper prepared at your request by the Policy Planning Staff on "The Problem of Palestine." In accordance with your suggestion, it consists of two parts:

1. A statement of the present position of this government with respect to the problem, and
2. A summary of the alternative courses of action now open to us, including an estimate of the consequences in each case.

The Staff realizes that the Palestine case may shortly be brought up for consideration in the UN Security Council and that this document may not be in time to affect the decisions which must be made as to the position which our representative should take on the subject. Consequently, the contents of the paper should not in any way relieve the operational officers in the Department of their responsibility in this connection.

If you approve, it is suggested that the document be made available to the Staff of the National Security Council for its study of the Palestine problem. No conclusions or recommendations are included in the paper. That phase of the matter could be worked out by the NSC Staff.

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